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SUSPECT - NADINE BESTOUGEFF

AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK

The following investigation was conducted by SA
BIRL WILSON:

On November 23, 1963, Mrs. PAULINE JANKE, Clerk, Young Women's Christian Association, (YWCA) 245 North Street, Buffalo, made available a registration card which shows that on November 20, 1963, NADINE BESTOUGEFF, 214 Boulevard Voltaire, Paris, France, registered at the YWCA. She was assigned room 308. She checked out November 21, 1963. Bill for the room was \$2.75. There were no other charges. Mrs. JANKE advised that the YWCA does not maintain records on telephone calls made by guests as pay telephones only are available to guests. Mrs. JANKE advised that she did not have any dealings with BESTOUGEFF during her stay at the YWCA. According to Mrs. JANKE, Mrs. HELENE MERRITT, the clerk on duty from 1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., registered BESTOUGEFF.

Mrs. HELENE MERRITT, residence 474 Lakeshore Road, Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada, on November 23, 1963, advised that she was the clerk on duty at the YWCA from 1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., November 20, 1963, and recalls that she registered BESTOUGEFF but could not recall the exact time. She believes it was during the late afternoon. She does not know the type of transportation BESTOUGEFF was using at the time of her arrival, nor does she recall anything about her luggage. She said that BESTOUGEFF is a white female, age 25 to 30, 5' 4" to 5", medium build, plain looking. Mrs. MERRITT had no additional contact with BESTOUGEFF and could furnish no additional information.

Mrs. LUCILLE HUTTON, 57 Merrimac Street, Buffalo, on November 23, 1963, advised she was the clerk on duty at the YWCA, 7:00 P.M. to 12:00 midnight, November 20, 1963, but had no contact with BESTOUGEFF during her tour of duty.

Mrs. CLARA SHERIDAN, 57 Wintemute Street, Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada, on November 25, 1963, advised that she was the clerk on duty at the YWCA from 12:00 midnight to 8:00 A.M., November 21, 1963, but had no contact with BESTOUGEFF during her tour of duty.

Mrs. BEATRICE GILBERT, 615 Harrison Street, Town of Tonawanda, New York, on November 23, 1963, advised that she was the clerk on duty at the YWCA from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

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November 21, 1963. She advised that BESTOUGEFF checked out of the YWCA sometime after 10:00 A.M., November 21, 1963. At this time BESTOUGEFF inquired as to bus schedules for downtown Buffalo. After checking schedules she said that she would try to catch the 12:05 P.M. Buffalo Transit Company bus from the Buffalo Public Library, Washington and Genesee Streets, downtown Buffalo, for the Greater Buffalo International Airport as she wanted to take a 2:30 P.M. flight out of Buffalo. She did not mention her destination. Mrs. GILBERT described BESTOUGEFF as follows:

Age	Late twenties
Height	5' 5"
Weight	125-130 lbs.
Build	Medium
Race	White
Hair	Dark
Dress	Wearing blue tweed coat
Characteristics	Plain looking

Mrs. GILBERT advised she does not recall the type and number of pieces of luggage BESTOUGEFF had. She left the YWCA on foot and proceeded in the direction of a bus stop located at North and Elmwood Avenue.

Mrs. G. R. HIRSCH, Resident Director of the YWCA, advised on November 23, 1963, that she did not have any contact with BESTOUGEFF during her stay at the YWCA and could not furnish any information concerning her.

No information was developed from the above persons indicating BESTOUGEFF had visitors while registered at the YWCA.

On November 23, 1963, DAMON AVERILL, Reservations Manager, American Airlines, Statler Hilton Hotel, Buffalo, advised that, according to American Airlines (AA) records, NADINE BESTOUGEFF arrived at Buffalo from Detroit, Michigan, on AA flight 422, November 20, 1963, at 2:52 P.M., which departed Detroit, 1:55 P.M. She departed Buffalo on AA flight 428 for New York, New York, at 2:30 P.M., November 21, 1963, which flight was scheduled to arrive at New York City, Laguardia Field, at 3:38 P.M. the same date. The reservation was made in Detroit by BESTOUGEFF on November 19, 1963. He advised that no other information was available regarding BESTOUGEFF.